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THE CROP PROSPECTS.

The forecast of the United States department of agriculture, based on the condition of the crops July 1, and indicating yields, with the possible exception of corn, considerably lower than those of last year, does not necessarily mean that the year is to be a poorer one for the farmer than 1920 was. From the standpoint of the farmer there will be a number of things that will help him to get a little or no profit. With Europe increasing its output of agricultural products and unwilling to buy extensively of our crops except on terms of credit which we are unable to give, it may be just as well to go to cut down production.

It was the heavy slump in prices of farm products that started the depression in commerce and industry. The farmers constitute an important section of the buying public, and when their purchasing power was seriously curtailed it was inevitable that demand on all lines of business should shrink. With a return of prosperity to the farmers the whole country will benefit. If the drop in prices revealed by the growers for his crops were based on the condition of the crops, it would not be so regrettable as it is, but no such reflection has been cast on the prices of bread, cotton and woolen goods, shoes and cigars were noted last year in which cotton wool hides and tobacco.

HEAT THE SCAPEGOAT.

When it is hot everything is blamed on the heat. "Crazy with the heat" is an old slang phrase which has no more pat application than it has when it is attached to those who make excessive heat responsible for everything from the loss of ball games to the birth of triplets. One cannot doubt that there are numerous cases of heat prostration and that some of them result fatally, but in many of the deaths credited to heat the excess of temperature is responsible only in an indirect way. Heat seeks the cooling river and is drowned there. Someone goes to sleep in a hammock which breaks and the sleeper is perhaps fatally injured. Another suffers an attack of acute indigestion due to eating food that should not be eaten in hot weather. Heat again.

Heat brings an abundance of discomfort and it is wise to take precautions to prevent serious results following in its trail, but there is no use becoming alarmed because the temperature hovers around 90 for a week or so. It exceeds that for long periods in the tropics and yet people continue to exist there.

Observe customs of living that all know are suited to hot weather. Somebody has said that heat is a state of mind and it is likely that much of the discomfort is more imaginary than real. Of course, a man with sweat streaming from every pore and his clothing clinging as if it were glued will scarcely subscribe to that sentiment, but if that is the worst one is called upon to suffer on an otherwise glorious day what cause is there for complaint?

EINSTEIN'S IMPRESSIONS.

Unlike most Europeans who spend a brief time in America, Professor Einstein has not written a book of his impressions, but he has given an interview to a Rotterdam newspaper in which he gives his views of Americans. He follows the usual line and his remarks are not flattering to our vanity. He found "exaggerated enthusiasm" for himself and his work which he considers a "genuine and peculiarly American phenomenon." He also found us "tremendously bored." "The men interest themselves in nothing except work; as for the rest of the men, they are nothing but little play-dogs of the women who spend their money in a reckless manner and veil themselves in a mist of extravagance."

Professor Einstein may be a genius in delving into the inscrutable. However, his uncomplimentary remarks about us, after the reception given him, would indicate that he is afflicted with the same boorishness that has been manifest by so many Europeans who have come over here and, having filled their pockets with American money, have gone back home to make sport of us. Good taste and courtesy would have suppressed the expression of his opinions. Yet we are really to



MR. OWL IS WISE BIRD.

MANY years ago, long before Mr. Fox was called clever or sly, or Mr. Owl a wise bird, or any of the wood folk had earned any name for themselves other than their own, there was trouble between Mr. Fox and Mr. Possum.

It happened in this way. Mr. Fox one night went for chickens to a farm a long way from his home, and when he arrived he found that the poultry house door was open and it was easy enough to get all he wanted, for Mr. Dog was away.

The only trouble was that he had no place to store them, and it was too far to carry them to his home and go back for more.

Mr. Fox happened to think of Mr. Possum, and he decided that he would make a bargain with him to take care



of his poultry until he could carry it to his home.

As I told you, this happened long before Mr. Fox was clever, he would not do such a thing now.

So he called on Mr. Possum and told him if he would take care of the chickens he would give him two hundred dollars to pay for his kindness.

Mr. Possum said he would and that he would store them in a safe place, down a hole by his house where there was a cave.

Mr. Fox trotted back and forth all night with the chickens which he put in the cave under the rock, but he did not know that as fast as he put them

away Mr. Possum carried them to all other part of the woods.

When it was almost daylight Mr. Possum took another chicken and departed for good, and when Mr. Fox looked into the cave he found only a few of the many chickens he had placed there.

Mr. Possum was nowhere to be found. He had moved bag and bag gone to another home, but Mr. Fox hunted until he found him, and the trouble began.

Mr. Possum said he was not the same Mr. Possum. "I never lived in the place you speak of, and I do not know about any rock or cave or chicken, you have the wrong fellow, Mr. Fox," he said.

Mr. Fox was surprised at the bold manner of Mr. Possum, for he was sure he was the one he was looking for. Still there was a chance that he had made a mistake.

Right here is where Mr. Owl earned his title. He was sitting in a tree near by where Mr. Possum had made his new home and heard all that had been said.

"Nothing you are mistaken, Mr. Fox," he said; "you had better go back to the cave under the tree and look again."

"It's under a rock, not a tree," corrected Mr. Possum, who had just said he did not know anything about the cave or rock.

"Oh, no," exclaimed Mr. Owl, "you do know something about it, after all."

Mr. Fox, go right in and search this fellow's home, and if he makes any trouble about it I will call all the wood folk and tell them what a queer fellow he is."

"Oh, how wise you are, Mr. Owl!" said Mr. Fox as he came out of Mr. Possum's house with his chickens, "you are the wisest bird I ever knew, and wise you shall be called from this day."

And when there is any dispute among the wood folk now they always call on Mr. Owl to settle it for Mr. Fox told everybody how clever and wise was Mr. Owl in finding out about his chickens, though he was careful not to tell who had them.

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